

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

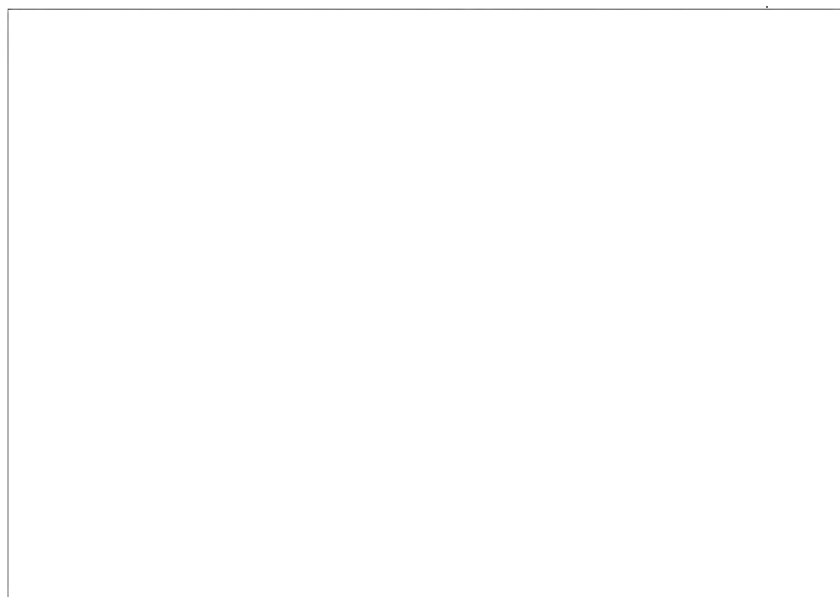
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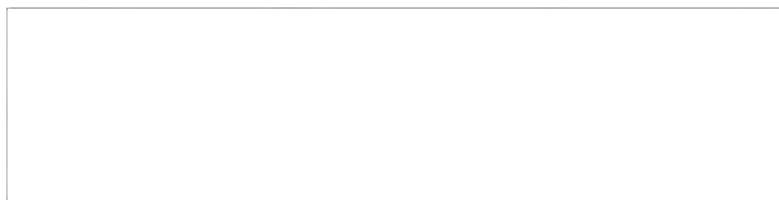
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1. Chinese recognition problem

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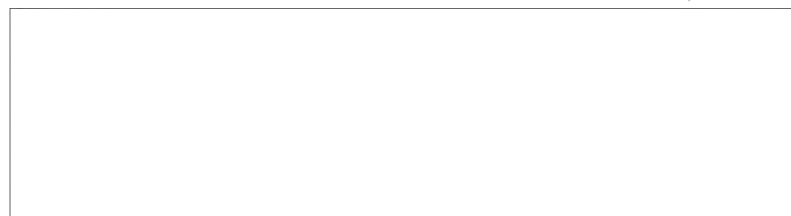
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2. Cyprus

a. Both sides are getting ready to fight it out.

b. Yesterday's bombing of two Turkish mosques in Nicosia has heightened tension in the already overcharged situation.

c. The number of shooting incidents is increasing in outlying villages as Turkish Cypriots flee mixed communities to consolidate themselves in preponderantly Turkish villages.

d. The Turks are reportedly now planning to set up their own government and plan to hold elections soon.

e. In London, meanwhile, Sandys has played one of his few remaining trumps. He has presented his closely held plan for a compromise solution individually to the conference participants to think over.

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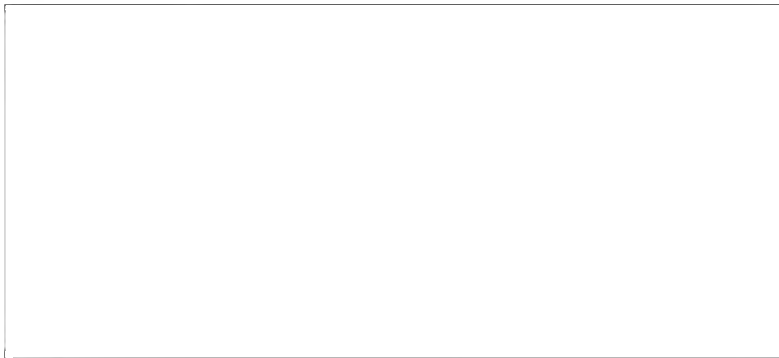
f. Consideration is also being given another proposal, this one by the Greeks, that an "allied" peace force be sent to Cyprus to keep peace, disarm irregulars, and work toward withdrawal of Greek and Turkish units.

g. By "allied," the Greeks say they mean the present British force in Cyprus plus a substantial US contingent, possibly an Italian one and perhaps a French one too.

h. To get this idea past Makarios, the Greeks suggest it be worked out outside NATO councils.

3. East Africa

a. The spirit of disobedience among Tanganyikan troops has spilled over into neighboring Uganda.



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d. Zanzibar insurrectionist leaders, Prime Minister Babu Mohammed and President Karume, were in the country at the time.

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e. The situation in Tanganyika seems to be settling down, though uneasily, with President Nyerere looking ever more like a mere front for strongman Kambona.

4. Morocco-Algeria

a. The uneasy truce between Algeria and Morocco continues, but both sides seem more intent on preparing their forces for renewed hostilities than on trying to reach a settlement by other means.

b. The border demilitarization commission has been unable to complete its work, in large part because Moroccan forces refuse to pull back.

c. An exchange of ambassadors between the two countries is being held up by Algerian insistence that the commission must complete its work first.

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5. Southeast Asian
Summitry

a. While he was in Kuala Lumpur, Sihanouk got the Tunku's agreement to try to arrange a summit meeting involving Cambodia, Thailand, and South Vietnam.

b. To hear the Malaysian ambassador here tell it, the Tunku was persuaded to do this in view of Sihanouk's "extreme keenness" to normalize relations with his two neighbors.

c. Meanwhile, with a Maphilindo ministers' meeting now clearly in prospect for early February in Bangkok, attention is turning to how and under whose auspices the cease-fire in Borneo is to be policed.

d. The Thais are working on this in consultation with U Thant.

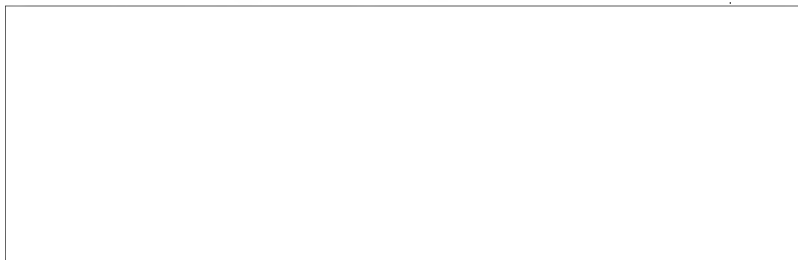
e. There are rumors in Moscow that Sukarno will visit there shortly.

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6. USSR

a. Pravda last week listed nine Soviet industrial facilities which will now begin tooling up to produce chemical equipment.



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c. Another reflection of the seriousness of the Soviet agricultural situation is seen in the 1963 economic plan fulfillment report just released.

d. From it, we learn that the number of pigs in the USSR was reduced during the year by one half through distress slaughtering.

e. Also, state procurement of grain was 20 percent below 1962-- the lowest level since 1957.

7. Spain-Cuba

a. Spain's Information Minister Fraga Iribarne tells us the ships-for-sugar deal with Cuba is going through.

b. Spanish opinion, he says, strongly favors trade with Cuba despite any possible US retaliation.

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c. He, himself, is so strongly opposed to our economic policy toward Cuba, that he and a number of other ministers would, he says, resign if Franco were to go along with us.

8. Cuba-USSR

a. We see the recent long-term Soviet-Cuban sugar deal as advantageous to both parties.

b. The USSR will pay a price (six cents per pound) which is well below current world prices, although these are expected to decline.

c. Moscow apparently also no longer has to pay Cuba in dollars for some of this sugar.

d. For Cuba, the pact provides an element of stability and still allows for the sale of substantial quantities at higher prices in Western markets.

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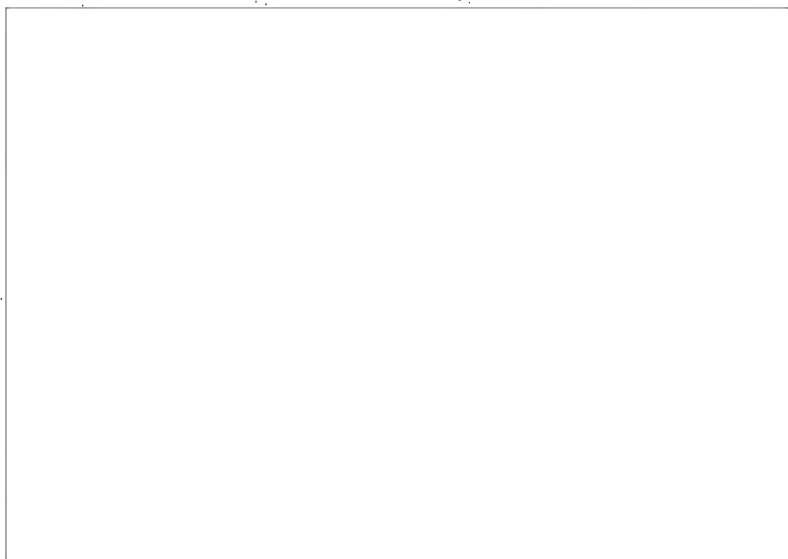
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NOTES

- A. Indonesia The Indonesian Government is moving with police and military units to prevent the further take over of British-owned properties by Communist-led labor unions and to throw the unions out of those enterprises already taken over.
- B. Soviet air routes to Latin America Our embassy in Mexico City points out that a likely consequence of a US civil air agreement with the Soviets will be the extension of Soviet civil air routes through Cuba, not only to Mexico, but elsewhere in Latin America.
- C. South Africa - US Ambassador Satterthwaite expects the South Africans to give us notice soon that they want to terminate the tracking station agreement they have with us.
- D. Panama Panama is threatening to charge us with economic aggression too if Alliance for Progress contracts are allowed to lapse as a result of the break in relations. The contention is that these contracts remain in effect despite a break.
- E. Ecuador A large antigovernment demonstration is being cooked up by student groups intent on provoking security forces to intervene.

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F. Cambodia-US Sihanouk is still at it. Ambassador Bohlen in Paris has learned that before departing for Kuala Lumpur, Sihanouk gave the French press agency a note in which he said "we absolutely do not want American aid, since it, as everything shows, would remain conditional. We will not undertake in any case negotiations toward renewal of this aid. We no longer want MAAG nor USAID here."

G. Czechoslovakia The Czech party central committee

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to decide on a severe austerity program to revive the country's halting economy (one of the poorest showings in the bloc last year). [redacted]
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